UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

National Stabilization Agreement of the Sheet Metal)
Industry Trust Fund, et al.)
Plaintiffs,)
VS.	
E A Breen Jr. Roofing & Sheet Metal Work, Inc. a/k/a E A Breen, Jr. Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. a/k/a E A Breen Jr. Rfg & Sheet Metal Works a/k/a E A Breen Jr. Rfg & SM Works, Inc.))))) MBD No. 05-mc-10308-RCL
Defendant)
and)))
Winter Hill Bank,)
Trustee)

AFFIDAVIT OF DIANE FERGUSON

- I, DIANE FERGUSON, under oath and of my own personal knowledge, hereby depose and state as follows:
- 1. I am the Fund Administrator for the National Stabilization Agreement of the Sheet Metal Industry Trust Fund ("SASMI Trust Fund"). I have held this position since 1997. My responsibilities include the determination of the amount of a contributing employer's delinquency and coordinating all matters relating to its collection. As Fund Administrator, I am familiar with the payment histories of employers obligated to make contributions to the SASMI Trust Fund.
- 2. The SASMI Trust Fund is a "benefit plan" established by the Sheet Metal Workers International Association ("Union") and employers throughout the United States to provide underemployment, supplemental unemployment, health benefits and other related 164948-1

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benefits to the employees who are represented by the Union for purposes of collective bargaining. The SASMI Trust Fund is administered in Virginia from its and my principal place of business at 601 North Fairfax Street, Suite 400, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314.

- 3. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of Article V of the SASMI Trust Funds Agreement and Declaration of Trust which relates to the payment of contributions to the SASMI Trust Fund.
- 4. Attached as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of Article XII of the SASMI Trust Funds Agreement and Declaration of Trust. Article XII, Section 4 pertains to the Situs and Governing Law of the SASMI Trust Fund.
- 5. Attached as Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of the Rules and Regulations of the SASMI Trust Fund relating to the collection of amounts owed by delinquent employers.
- 6. E A Breen Jr. Roofing & Sheet Metal Work, Inc. a/k/a E A Breen, Jr. Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. a/k/a E A Breen Jr. Rfg & Sheet Metal Works a/k/a E A Breen Jr. Rfg & SM Works, Inc. ("Company" or "Defendant"), a Massachusetts based company, is party to collective bargaining agreements ("Labor Contract") with Sheet Metal Workers' International Association Local Union No. 17 ("Local 17") that require Defendant to submit monthly remittance reports and pay contributions to the SASMI Trust Fund for time worked or paid to their covered employees. See, a true and correct copy of the executed Labor Contract, attached as Exhibit 4. The Labor Contract further binds Defendant to the terms and conditions of the Trust Agreements and Rules and Regulations.
- 7. Beginning in or around August of 2003, Defendant began submitting monthly remittance reports and making contributions to the SASMI Trust Fund. In or around July of

2004, Defendant stopped submitting remittance reports and contributions to the SASMI Trust Fund. Accordingly, the SASMI Trust Fund, along with other Union funds administered in Virginia, filed suit against Defendant in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. A true and correct copy of the complaint filed in Civil Action No. 05-108 (LMB) is attached as Exhibit 5.

SIGNED UNDER THE PAINS AND PENALTIES OF PERJURY THIS $\, \underline{\it 1st}$ DAY OF MARCH, 2006

/s/Diane Ferguson DIANE FERGUSON NATIONAL STABILIZATION AGREEMENT

SHEET METAL INDUSTRY TRUST FUND

AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF TRUST

AS OF JULY 1, 1993

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Trustees who are authorized in writing by the Trustees to sign such checks or drafts. No check or draft shall be valid unless signed by two persons, of whom one shall be a Trustee selected by the Union and a Trustee selected by the Employers, except that the Trustees may, in their discretion, designate and authorize an employee of the Trust to sign checks or drafts upon such separate and specific account or accounts as the Trustees may designate and establish for such purpose.

The Trustees selected by the Employers shall designate in writing the names of the particular Trustees who may sign checks or drafts in the above manner, and the Trustees selected by the Union shall likewise designate in writing the names of the particular Trustees who may sign checks or drafts in the manner above.

SECTION 10. SURETY BONDS. Every fiduciary under the Plan and every person who handles funds or property of the Plan shall be bonded by a duly authorized surety company, which is an acceptable surety on Federal bonds under authority granted by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to 6 U.S.C. Sections 6-13, as amended, in an amount fixed at the beginning of each fiscal year of the Plan, which amount shall not be less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of funds handled. In no event shall such bond be less than \$1,000. The Trustees, in their discretion, may purchase a bond in an amount greater than required under Section 412 of ERISA. No bond shall be required of any corporation or other person or entity exempt from bonding requirements pursuant to Section 412(a)(2) of ERISA or pursuant to any rules or regulations in effect under Section 412(e) of ERISA. This Section shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with Section 412 of ERISA. The cost of the premium of bonds shall be paid out of the Fund.

the purchase of insurance for themselves collectively and/or individually and for any fiduciary employed by the Trustees to cover liability or losses occurring by reason of the act or omission of a fiduciary, and the cost of such insurance shall be paid out of the Fund; provided, however, that such insurance purchased by the Fund must permit recourse by the insurer against the Trustee or other fiduciary in the case of a breach of fiduciary obligation by such Trustee or other fiduciary. The Trustees may purchase insurance containing a nonrecourse option only as permitted under ERISA, and the premium for such option may not be paid from the Fund.

#### ARTICLE V

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND

SECTION 1. RATE OF CONTRIBUTIONS. In order to effectuate the purposes hereof, each Employer shall contribute to the Fund or to

a Local Fund for transmittal to or for the use of the Fund the amount required by the Contract. The rate of Contributions shall at all times be governed by the aforesaid Contract then in force and effect.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CONTRIBUTIONS. All Contributions shall be paid at the time required by the Contract and, when applicable, shall be transmitted to the SASMI Fund at the time provided in the Local Fund Agreement. If the Contract or other relevant collective bargaining agreement is silent on the time when Contributions are to be paid, then such Contributions shall be paid on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the month following the month in which the work was performed which requires such Contributions. Contributions shall continue as long as the Employer is so obligated pursuant to the Contract or until he ceases to be an Employer within the meaning of this Trust Agreement or a Local Fund Agreement as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 3. MODE OF PAYMENT. All Contributions shall be paid in the manner and form determined by the Trustees.

#### SECTION 4. DEFAULT OF PAYMENT.

- (a) The Trustees may take any action necessary to enforce payment of the Contributions due hereunder, or, if applicable, under a Local Fund Agreement, including but not limited to, proceedings at law and equity. Nonpayment by an Employer of any Contributions when due shall not relieve any other Employer of his obligation to make payments.
- (b) In any action for or on behalf of the Fund, the Fund shall seek and the Employer shall pay an award of:
  - (1) the unpaid Contributions;
  - (2) interest on the unpaid Contributions;
  - (3) an amount equal to the greater of
    - (A) interest on the unpaid Contributions, or
- (B) liquidated damages of twenty percent (20%) (or such higher percentage as may be permitted under Federal or state law) of the Contributions unpaid at the time of the filing of the action,
- (4) reasonable attorney's fees and costs of the action, including fees and costs for collection on the award, to be paid by the defendant, and
  - (5) other appropriate legal and equitable relief.

- (c) Interest on unpaid Contributions shall be determined by using the rate prescribed under Section 6621 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
- (d) In connection with Employer delinquencies where no action has yet been filed, the Fund may, in addition to seeking the unpaid Contributions, require the Employer to pay interest at the rate prescribed under Section 6621 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954; liquidated damages of twenty percent (20%) of the delinquent Contributions or an amount equal to the interest at the rate set out above, whichever is greater; and, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and all other expenses of collection.
- Fund shall make all remittances of Contributions and such reports as required by the Trustees. The Trustees may at any time have an audit made by independent certified public accountants of the payroll and wage records of any Employer in connection with the said Contributions and/or reports, and of the Contribution records of a Local Fund.

#### SECTION 6. REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

- (a) The assets of the Fund shall never inure to the benefit of any Employer and shall be held for the exclusive purposes of providing benefits to participants and beneficiaries and defraying actual and reasonable expenses of administering the Plan and the Fund.
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) above, nothing in this Trust Agreement shall prevent a Contribution made by an Employer by a mistake of fact or law (other than a mistake relating to whether the trust which is part of such plan is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of such Code) being returned by the Trustees to such Employer within six months after the Administrator determines that the contribution was made by a mistake.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### PLAN OF BENEFITS

set forth herein or conferred by law, the Trustees shall have the sole and absolute discretion to determine all questions of the nature, amount, duration, eligibility for and methods of providing Benefits to be provided by the Fund. The final determination of the Trustees to award or deny benefits, including the amount of benefits, shall be binding-upon the International Union, the Locals, the Employers, the Employees and their families, dependents, beneficiaries and/or legal representative, and also shall be binding during review of any type whatsoever of said determina-

incorrectly, revert or accrue to the benefit of any contributing Employer, a Local Union or the International Union.

SECTION 3. <u>NOTIFICATION OF TERMINATION</u>. Upon termination of the Fund in accordance with this Article, the Trustees shall forthwith notify each Local Union and each Employer and also all other necessary parties, and the Trustees shall continue as Trustees for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the Trust.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- SECTION 1. <u>TERMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYERS</u>. An Employer shall cease to be an Employer within the meaning of this Trust Agreement when he is no longer obligated, pursuant to a Contract, to make Contributions directly or indirectly, to this Fund or a Local Fund which has entered into a Local Fund Agreement.
- SECTION 2. <u>NONVESTED RIGHTS</u>. No participant or beneficiary or any person claiming by or through such participant or beneficiary including his family, dependents, beneficiary and/or estate, shall have any right, title or interest in or to the Fund for any property of the Fund or any part thereof except as may be specifically provided in the Plan or determined by the Trustees.
- SECTION 3. ENCUMBRANCE OF BENEFITS. No monies, property, or equity, of any nature whatsoever or portion thereof, in the Fund, or policies or benefits or monies payable therefrom or portion thereof, shall be subject in any manner by any participant or beneficiary, or person claiming by or through such participant or beneficiary, to anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, garnishment, mortgage, lien or charge, and any attempt to cause the same to be subject thereto shall be null and void, unless the Trustees, in their discretion, allow such action, or except when the Trustees determine with respect to any benefit due or to become due to an Employee, that allowance of such anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, garnishment, mortgage, lien or charge, or attempt to cause the same, is in keeping with the fiduciary obligations of the Trustees.
- SECTION 4. SITUS AND GOVERNING LAW. The Commonwealth of Virginia shall be deemed the situs of the Trust created hereunder. All questions pertaining to validity, construction and administration of this Trust shall be determined in accordance with the law of the District of Columbia except as required by ERISA.
- SECTION 5. CONSTRUCTION OF TERMS. Wherever any words are used in this Trust Agreement in the masculine gender they shall be construed as though they were used in the feminine or neuter gender

in all situations where they would so apply, and wherever any words are used in this Trust Agreement in the singular form they shall be construed as though they were also used in the plural form in all situations where they would so apply, and wherever any words are used in this Trust Agreement in the plural form they shall be construed as though they were also used in the singular form in all situations where they would so apply.

SECTION 6. NOTIFICATION OF TRUSTEES. The address of each of the Trustees shall be presumed to be that stated in his Acceptance of Trusteeship in accordance with Article III, Section 3, hereof. Any change of address shall be effected by written notice to the Trustees and the Administrator.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY. Should any provision in this Trust Agreement or in the Plan or rules and regulations adopted thereunder or in any collective bargaining agreement be deemed or held to be unlawful or invalid for any reason, such fact shall not adversely affect the other provisions herein and therein contained unless such illegality shall make impossible or impractical the functioning of the Trust and the Plan, and in such case the appropriate parties shall immediately adopt new provisions to take the place of the illegal or invalid provisions.

#### SECTION 8. WELLS FARGO COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT FUNDS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Trust, assets of this Trust may be invested in any collective investment fund or funds, including common and group trust funds currently in existence or hereafter established which are maintained by a bank or trust company supervised by state or federal agency, notwithstanding that the bank or trust company is the Trustee, Investment Manager, or is otherwise a part-in-interest of the Plan, including Wells Fargo Institutional Trust Company, N.A. The assets so invested shall be subject to all the provisions of the instruments establishing such funds as they may be amended from time to time. Such instruments of group trusts as they may be amended from time to time are hereby incorporated and made a part of this Trust as if fully set forth herein. The combining of money and other assets of this Trust with money and other trusts and accounts in such funds or funds is specifically authorized.

## NATIONAL STABILIZATION AGREEMENT OF THE SHEET METAL INDUSTRY TRUST FUND

RULES AND REGULATIONS
ESTABLISHING CHARGES FOR INTEREST,
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES, COUNSEL FEES AND COSTS
AGAINST DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYERS AND
PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

## **EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 1996**

The Board of Trustees of the National Stabilization Agreement of the Sheet Metal Industry Trust Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), pursuant to the provisions set forth in Article V and related provisions of the Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust, hereby adopts these Rules and Regulations establishing the process by which the Administrator and Fund counsel shall seek remedies against delinquent contributing employers, and the remedies available to the Fund, including assessment of interest, liquidated damages, expenses and costs against delinquent contributing employers.

#### ARTICLEL

#### Statement of Policy and Objective:

The Board of Trustees recognizes, and declares as the policy of the Fund, that delinquent contributing employers constitute a threat to the financial security of participants and their families; that uncured delinquencies owed to the Fund may restrict the Trustees' ability to provide adequate benefits to participants, that such delinquencies may cause damage to the fiscal integrity of the Fund, and the substantial administrative and professional costs that are incurred by the Fund as a result of uncured delinquencies should, whenever practicable, be borne by the delinquent employer and not by Fund participants.

EXHIBIT 3

The Board of Trustees, having reviewed the circumstances, history and frequency in which contributing employers have, from time to time, become delinquent in payments due and owing to the Fund, and in consideration of the damage, potential and real, that may be suffered by the Fund and its participants if such delinquencies remain uncured, hereby declares that the procedures and processes set forth in these Rules and Regulations are necessary and essential in order to preserve the financial integrity of the Fund and protect the interests of Fund participants.

#### ARTICLE II.

## Payment of Interest and Liquidated Damages by the Delinquent Contributing Employer

An employer who fails to make timely contributions and/or submit timely reports to the Fund as required by the Fund's Rules and Regulations shall be subject to payment of the following amounts, in addition to any principal contributions that may be due and owing:

#### Section 1. Liquidated damages.

- (a) Liquidated damages in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the contributions due and owing shall be paid by the contributing employer when reports and/or contributions are received by the Fund Administrator after the date for timely payment set forth in the Fund's Rules and Regulations:
- (b) Liquidated damages equal to an additional ten percent (10%) of the contributions due and owing [for a total assessment of twenty percent (20%)] shall be paid by the delinquent contributing employer when reports and/or contributions are ecceived by the Fund Administrator more than

thirty (30) days after the date for timely payment set forth in the Fund's Rules and Regulations.

Section 2. Interest. In addition to the assessment of liquidated damages set forth in Section 1 of this Article, a delinquent contributing employer shall also be charged interest on any amounts due and owing at an interest rate equal to the rate prescribed under Section 6621 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

#### ARTICLE III

## Payment of Counsel Fees. Litigation Expenses and Audit Fees by the Delinquent Contributing Employer.

In addition to the liquidated damage and interest payments that shall be assessed against a delinquent contributing employer pursuant to the provisions set forth in Article II above, a: delinquent contributing employer shall also be responsible for payment of all court costs, accountant and auditor's fees and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Fund during the collection process or any litigation resulting therefrom.

#### ARTICLE IV

## Administrative and Legal Process

## Section 1. Notice to Delinquent Contributing Employer

Twentieth day of each calendar month. All reports and contributions (a) from contributing employers for hours worked/paid in the preceding calendar month must be received by the Fund Administrator not later than the twentieth day of each calendar month, except in instances where the

governing Agreement sets forth a different date for submission of reports and/or contributions. The Administrator shall send delinquent notices to those contributing employers from whom reports and/or payments have not been received. This delinquent notice shall be transmitted by certified. mail and shall contain a statement of the liquidated damages assessed against the contributing employer and a statement that collection procedures will be implemented promptly unless the delinquency, together with payment of the applicable liquidated damages, is immediately remedied. The Administrator shall, in such instances, time stamp all reports and/or contributions received from the delinquent contributing employer and maintain the original envelope containing reports and/or contributions. A report of administrative action under this subsection shall be provided to the Board of Trustees at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

- (b) Two weeks later. The Administrator shall forward a second delinquent notice to the delinquent contributing employer, advising that the matter will be referred to Fund counsel and legal proceedings initiated if payment is not promptly received. Copies of this notice shall be forwarded to the Local Union and other interested parties requesting same.
- (c) Twentieth Day of the following month. If the Administrator has not received full payment, including payment of any liquidated damageassessment, from a deligement employer by the twentieth day of the next

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- month, the Administrator shall advise Fund counsel that the matter is unresolved. Copies of this notice shall be forwarded to the Local Union and all other interested parties requesting same.
- Nothing set forth in this Article shall be construed as a limitation on the (d) discretion of the Fund Administrator to request that Fund counsel initiate legal proceedings against a delinquent contributing employer, without regard to the time frames set forth herein, in circumstances where the Administrator believes that the interests of the Fund or its participants will be served by such action.

Section 2. Initiation of Legal Proceedings Against Delinquent Contributing Employers. Upon receipt of notice from the Fund Administrator that a contributing employer has failed to cure its delinquency to the Fund, Fund counsel may, whenever appropriate, take action to collect any and all delinquent amounts, including interest, liquidated damage assessments, and other amounts as set forth in these Rules and Regulations. Fund counsel may, acting in the interests of the Board of Trustees and the Fund, initiate any or all of the actions or remedies set forth below without further notice to the delinquent contributing employer.

- Filing of a Mechanic's Lien: (a)
- Claim against any applicable bond; (b)
- Notification to State and/or Federal Department of Labor; (c)
- Formal legal action for recovery: (d)
- Other formal legal proceedings that, in the opinion of Fund counsel, are (e)

necessary and/or appropriate to protect the interest of the Fund and recover any and all amounts due and owing.

Fund counsel may, in appropriate circumstances, negotiate with the delinquent contributing employer or its representative for the purpose of securing payments due and owing to the Fund and/or negotiating a payment plan with respect to sums due and owing with accompanying security, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

#### ARTICLE V.

## Additional Remedies Available to the Board of Trustees

In addition to the remedies set forth in Articles II, III and IV, the Trustees may, in their discretion, require that a delinquent contributing employer, as a condition for continued participation in the Fund, take all or any part of the following action:

- (1) Deliver to the Trustees a bond in an amount acceptable to the Trustees for the purpose of insuring payment of delinquent and/or future contributions;
- (2) Deliver to the Trustees appropriate security (other than a bond) to secure payment of delinquent and/or future contributions;
- (3) Make future contributions to the Fund on a weekly, rather than monthly, basis.

#### ARTICLE VI.

## Notice to Contributing Employers

Employers who are obligated to contribute to the Fund shall receive a copy of these Rules and Regulations (or a summary statement thereof), together with notice that these Rules and Regulations will be enforced by the Besse of Trustess, effective May 1, 1996.

#### ARTICLE VII.

Nothing contained in these Rules and Regulations shall, in any manner, be construed as a limitation upon the power of the Board of Trustees to compromise, settle or otherwise resolve claims by the Fund against any party or to invoke or implement legal proceedings, rights or processes not mentioned in these Rules and Regulations in the interest of protecting participants and beneficiaries of the Fund.

# NATIONAL STABILIZATION AGREEMENT OF THE SHEET METAL INDUSTRY TRUST FUND

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# STANDARD FORM OF UNION AGREEMENT SHEET METAL, ROOFING, VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING CONTRACTING DIVISIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

#### **BOSTON AREA**

SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION NO. 17 1157 ADAMS STREET DORCHESTER, MA 02124-5788 (617) 296-1680

> AUGUST 1, 2001 TO JULY 31, 2005

> > **EXHIBIT 4**

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Agreement entered into this 12th day of August 2001 by and between Boston Roofing Contractor Associations of the B.T.E.A and the Sheet Metal and Airconditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA) - Boston hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and Local Union No. 17 of Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, hereinafter referred to as the Union, for Bristol (north of Dighton), Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth (north of Wareham), and Suffolk Counties of Eastern Massachusetts and the towns of Harvard and Lancaster of Worcester County.

## ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. This Agreement covers the rates of pay and conditions of employment of all employees of the Employer engaged in but not limited to the (a) manufacture, fabrication, assembling, handling, erection, installation, dismantling, conditioning, adjustment, alteration, repairing and servicing of all ferrous or nonferrous metal work and all other materials used in lieu thereof and of all air-veyor systems and air handling systems regardless of material used including the setting of all equipment and all reinforcements in connection therewith; (b) all lagging over insulation and all duet lining; (C) testing and balancing of all air-handling equipment and duet work; (d) the preparation of all shep and field sketches used in fabrication and erection, including those taken from original architectural and engineering drawings or sketches; (e) all craft related drafting, both manual and computer aided, will be done by members or apprentices. This does not include architectural layouts provided by engineering firms or primary contractors; and (f) all other work included in the jurisdictional claims of Sheet Metal Workers' International Association.

SECTION 2. Employers signatory to this agreement must be in possession of a bona fide fabrication shop meeting sanitary and safety standards and capable of fabricating duct work and fittings.

SECTION 3. Fabrication of square or rectangular ductwork and fitting or low velocity round ductwork and fittings for installation within the geographical territory of this bargaining unit must earry the Local 17 Building Trades label.

This label will show that the ductwork described has been fabricated by a contractor signatory to this agreement.

## ARTICLE II

It is the opinion of both Associations that the following obligations are imposed by this Article II.

SECTION I. No Employer shall subcontract or assign any of the work described herein which is to be performed at a jobsite to any contractor, subcontractor or other person or party who fails to agree in writing to comply with the conditions of employment contained herein including, without limitations, those relating to union security, rates of pay and working conditions, hiring and other matters covered hereby for the duration of the project.

SECTION 2. Subject to other applicable provisions of this Agreement, the Employer agrees that when subcontracting for prefabrication of materials covered herein, such prefabrication shall be subcontracted to fabricators who are in signed agreement with Local Union #17 and/or who pays their employees engaged in such fabrication, not less than the total beneficial wage for comparable sheet metal fabrication, as established under provisions of this Agreement.

The Employer agrees to provide to a Union business agent or business manager, upon request, written and signed evidence of equalization of the total beneficial wage package from any supplier of low pressure spiral duct and fittings and/or rectangular duct and fittings.

SECTION 3. (a) The Employer agrees that no evasion of the terms, requirements and provisions of the Standard Form of Union Agreement, including all addenda attached thereto, will take place by the setting up of another business to do work covered by this Agreement, or in any other way attempt to or actually evade or nullify responsibility hereunder. If and when the Employer shall perform any work of the type covered by this Agreement, under its own name or under the name of another, as a corporation, company, partnership, or any other business entity, including a joint venture, wherein the Employer through its officers, directors, partners or stockholders, exercised either directly or indirectly, management, control or majority ownership of such other entity, the terms and conditions of this agreement shall be applicable to all such work.

This clause shall only be applicable to job site work as that term is used in the construction industry proviso to Section 8(e) of the National Labor Relations Act.

(b) The Employer further agrees that if and when it performs prefabrication work otherwise covered by the Standard Form of Union Agreement, including all addends attached thereto, under the name of another, as a corporation, company, partnership, or any other business entity, including a joint venture, wherein the Employer through its officers, directors, partners or stockholders, exercises either directly or indirectly, management, control or majority ownership of such other entity, the employees of such other entity shall receive not less than the prevailing wage for comparable sheet metal fabrication, as established under the terms of this agreement.

This is not to be interpreted to exclude any customer of the company from purchasing said fabrication.

- (c) The parties agree that disputes concerning the meaning and application of Section 1 and 2 hereof shall be resolved in accordance with Article X and without resort to strike or lockout.
- (d) If any word/sentence/paragraph or section of this language is found to be illegal that portion will be removed from this Article or rewritten to comply with the law,

The remainder of this Article will stand as negotiated.

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## ARTICLE III

SECTION 1. The Employer agrees that none but journeymen and apprentice sheet metal workers shall be employed on any work described in Article I and further, for the purpose of proving jurisdiction, agrees to provide the Union with written evidence of assignment on the Employer's letterhead for certain specified items of work to be performed at a jobsite prior to commencement of work at the site. List of such specific items, which may be revised from time to time, as agreed to by and between SMACNA and SMWIA, shall be provided to the Employer.

## ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1. The Union agrees to furnish upon request by the Employer duly qualified journeymen and apprentice sheet metal workers in sufficient numbers as may be necessary to properly execute work contracted for by the Employer in the manner and under the conditions specified in this Agreement.

SECTION 2. The Union shall select and refer applicants for employment without discrimination against such applicants by reason of or in any way affected by Union membership, by-laws, regulations, constitutional provisions, or any other aspect or obligation of Union membership, policies or requirements. Parties to the Agreement recognize the obligations, which have been or may be imposed upon the Employers relative to equal employment and non-discrimination and it is agreed that both parties will meet these obligations under affirmative action plans, which have been jointly accepted by the parties where such plans are in existence.

SECTION 3. Bargaining unit employees hereunder shall include Owner/Members, i.e. employees of incorporated Employers who: (a) are officers, directors, or majority stockholders of an incorporated Employer; (b) perform work covered by the terms of this Agreement; and (c) are listed on the Registration Statement filed with the Sheet Metal Workers' National Pension Fund and National COLA Fund. Contributions on behalf of Owner/Members shall be made to the National Pension Fund for all hours for which the Owner/Member is paid or entitled to payment. In any event, however, no less than the minimum regular hours per week as required by this agreement for all bargaining unit employees shall be paid. The term "Minimum regular hours per week" shall be defined as the number of hours per week for which an employee receives straight time wages. Owner-members should refer to Addendum #38 conditions of participation.

SECTION 4. The Employer shall have the right to reject any applicant for employment.

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## ARTICLE V

SECTION 1. The Employer agrees to require membership in the Union, as a condition of continued employment of all employees performing any of the work specified in Article I of this Agreement, within eight (8) days following the beginning of such employment or the effective date of this Agreement, whichever is the later, provided the Employer has reasonable ground for believing that membership is available to such employees on the same terms and conditions generally applicable to other members and that membership is not denied or terminated for reasons other than the failure of the employee to tender the periodic dues and initiation fee uniformly required as a condition of acquiring or retaining membership.

SECTION 2. If during the term of this Agreement the Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947 shall be amended by Congress in such manner as to reduce the time within which an employee may be required to a equire Union membership, such reduced time limit shall become immediately effective instead of and without regard to the time limit specified in Section 1 of this Article.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this Article shall be deemed to be of no force and effect in any state to the extent to which the making or enforcement of such provisions is contrary to law. In any state where the making and enforcement of such provision is lawful only after compliance with certain conditions precedent, this Article shall be deemed to take effect as to involved employees immediately upon compliance with such conditions.

## ARTICLE VI

SICCTION 1. The regular working day shall consist of eight (8) hours labor in the shop or on the job between six thirty (6:30) a.m. and four (4:00) p.m. and the regular working week shall consist of five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour days labor in the shop or on the job, beginning with Monday and ending with Friday of each week. All full time or part time labor performed during such hours shall be recognized as regular working hours and paid for at the regular hourly rate. Except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 4 of this Article, all work performed outside the regular working hour and performed during the regular work week shall be at one and one half (1 ½) times the hourly rate except Sundays and Holidays where overtime will be paid at two (2) times the hourly rate.

Employees shall be at the shop or project site at the scheduled starting time each day and shall remain until quitting time.

SECTION 2. New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Patriots' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day or days locally observed as such, and Sunday shall be recognized as holidays. All work performed on holidays shall be paid as follows: Two (2) times the regular rate.

SECTION 3. It is agreed that all work performed outside of regular hours during the regular workweek and on holidays shall be performed only upon notification by the Employer to the local Union in advance of scheduling such work. Preference on overtime and holiday work shall be given to men on the job or in the shop on a rotation basis so as to equalize such work as nearly as possible. The foreman for the job or shop shall call the Union hall and report the members who are working the overtime in the shop or on the job.

SECTION 4. Shift work and the pay and conditions therefor shall be only as provided in written addendum attached to this Agreement. Energy conservation - Retrofit work performed outside the regular work day in occupied buildings shall be performed under shift work conditions to be established by the local parties or by the National Joint Adjustment Board on the request of each party, if not locally provided. Shift work will be granted on a job-by-job basis under the guidelines set forth in "Resolution 78".

SECTION 5. A special requirement committee shall be implemented, to be comprised of two (2) representatives from both sides, namely the Business Manager of Local 17 and one other elected business representative; and two (2) owners from the Employers side. The purpose of this committee is to make whatever arrangements might be necessary to compete with non-union people, and other conditions, which might require special consideration. Notification for consideration will be given to the Union by the Employer, not less than three (3) working days prior to the bid date. Every consideration will be given the Employer to increase his work force as a result of any action taken by this committee.

## ARTICLE VII

SECTION 1. When employed in a shop or on a job within the limits of (See Addendum #5) employees shall be governed by the regular working hours specified herein and shall provide for themselves transportation within the said limits from home to shop or job at starting time and from shop or job to home at quitting time, and the Employer shall provide, or pay, for all necessary additional transportation during working hours.

SECTION 2. When employed outside of the limits specified in Section 1 of this Article, and within the jurisdiction of the Union, employees shall provide transportation for themselves which will assure their arrival at the limits specified in Section 1 of this Article at regular starting time, and the Employer shall provide or pay for all additional transportation for such jobs, including transportation from such job back to the limits specified in Section 1 of this Article which will assure arrival at such limits at quitting time. As an alternative to the foregoing method, travel expense may be paid by a zone or other method of payment. If this alternative method is used, it will be as provided in a written addendum attached hereto.

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## ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 1. The minimum rate of wages for journeymen sheet metal workers covered by this Agreement when employed in a shop or on a job within the jurisdiction of the Union to perform any work specified in Article I of this Agreement shall be (see Addendum #6-8-9-10-15-17) except as hereinafter specified in Section 2 of this Article.

SECTION 2. On all work specified in Article I of this Agreement, fabricated and/or assembled by journeymen sheet metal workers and apprentices within the jurisdiction of this Union, or elsewhere, for erection and/or installation within the jurisdiction of any other Local Union affiliated with Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, whose established wage scale is higher than the wage scale specified in this Agreement, the higher wage scale of the jobsite Union shall be paid to the journeymen employed on such work in the home shop or sent to the jobsite.

SECTION 3. The provisions of Section 2 of this Article, Section 2 of Article II and Section 1 of Article III shall not be applicable to the manufacture for sale to the trade or purchase of the following items:

- 1. Ventilators
- 2. Louvers

- 3. Automatic and fire dampers
- 4. Radiator and air-conditioning unit enclosures
- 5. Fabricated pipe and fittings for residential installations and light commercial work as defined in the locality
- Mixing (attenuation) boxes
- 7. Plastic skylights
- 8. Air dissusers, grilles, registers
- 9. Sound attenuators
- 10. Chutcs
- 11. Double-wall panel plenums
- 12. Angle rings

SECTION 4. The provisions of Section 2 of this Article shall not be applicable to Air Pollution Control Systems fabricated for the purpose of removing air pollutants, excluding air conditioning, heating and ventilating systems. In addition, the provisions of Section 2 of this Article will not be applicable to the manufacture of spiral pipe and fittings for high-pressure systems.

SECTION 5. Except as provided in Sections 2 and 6 of this Article, the Employer agrees that journeymen sheet metal workers hired outside the territorial jurisdiction of this Agreement shall receive the wage scale and working conditions of the local Agreement covering the territory in which such work is performed or supervised.

SECTION 6. When the Employer has any work specified in Article I of this Agreement to be performed outside of the area covered by this Agreement and within the area covered by another Agreement with another Union affiliated with the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, and qualified sheet metal workers are available in such area, he may send no more than two (2) sheet metal workers per job into such area to perform any work which the Employer deems necessary, both of whom shall be from the Employer's home jurisdiction. All additional sheet metal workers shall come from the area in which the work is to be performed. Journeymen sheet metal workers covered by this Agreement, who are sent outside of the area covered by this Agreement, shall be paid at least the established minimum wage scale specified in Section 1 of this Article but in no case less than the established wage scale of the local Agreement covering the territory in which such work is performed or supervised, plus all necessary transportation, travel time, board and expenses while employed in that area, and the Employer shall be otherwise governed by the established working conditions of that local Agreement. If employees are sent into an area where there is no local Agreement of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association covering the area then the minimum conditions of the home local Union shall apply.

SECTION 7. In applying the provisions of Section 2, 5, and 6 of this Article VIII, the term "wage scale" shall include the value of all applicable hourly contractual benefits in addition to the hourly wage rate provided in said Sections.

SECTION 8. Welfare benefit contributions shall not be duplicated.

When sheet metal workers are employed temporarily outside the jurisdiction of their home local Union, the parties signatory to this Agreement agree to arrange through the Health & Welfare Trust Fund to transmit health and welfare contributions made on behalf of the employee to the Health and Welfare Fund in the employee's local Union.

The parties to this Agreement agree to establish a system for continuing health and welfare coverage for employees working temporarily outside the jurisdiction of the local collective bargaining agreement when health and welfare contributions are transmitted on their behalf by trust funds from other areas.

SECTION 9. Wages at the established rates specified herein shall be paid before noon on the third day following the closing of the work week in the shop or on the job at or before quitting time on Friday of each week, and no more than two (2) days' pay will be withheld. However, employees when discharged shall be paid in full.

SECTION 10. Journeymen sheet metal workers, who report for work by direction of the Employer and are not placed to work, shall be entitled to two (2) hours pay at the established rate. This provision, however, shall not apply under conditions over which the Employer has no control.

SECTION 11. Each Employer covered by this Agreement shall employ at least one (1) journeyman sheet metal worker who is not a member of the firm on all work specified in Article I of this

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SECTION 12(a). Contributions provided for in Section 12(b) of this Article will be used to promote programs of industry education, training, negotiation and administration of collective bargaining agreements, research and promotion, such programs serving to expand the market for the services of the Sheet Metal Industry, improve the technical and business skills of Employers. stabilize and improve Employer-Union relations, and promote, support and improve the employment opportunities for employees. No part of any such payments, however, shall be used for any other purpose, except as expressly specified above.

- (b). The Employer shall pay the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Industry Fund of the United States (IFUS) seven cents (\$0.07) per hour for each hour worked on and after the effective date of this Agreement by each employee of the Employer covered by this Agreement. Payment shall be made on or before the 20th day of the succeeding month and shall be remitted to II-US, 4201 Lafayette Center Drive, Chantilly, Virginia 20151-1209; mailing address, P.O. Box 220956, Chantilly, Virginia 20153-0956, or for the purpose of transmittal, through the Local Area Industry Fund.
- (c). IFUS shall submit to the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association not less often than semi-annually written reports describing accurately and, in reasonable detail the nature of activities in which it is engaged or which it supports directly or indirectly with any of its funds. One time per year, the IFUS shall include in such written report a financial statement attested to by a certified public accountant containing its balance sheet and detailed statement of annual receipts and disbursements. Further specific detailed information in regard to IFUS activities or its receipts and/or expenditures shall be furnished to the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association upon written
- (d). Grievances concerning use of IFUS funds for purposes prohibited under Section 12(a) or for violations of other subsections of this Section may be processed by the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association directly to the National Joint Adjustment Board under the provisions of Article X of this Agreement. In the event such proceeding results in a deadlock, either party may, upon ten (10) days notice to the other party, submit the issue to final and binding arbitration. The Arbitrator shall be selected by the Co-Chairmen of the National Joint Adjustment Board. The arbitrator shall be authorized to impose any remedial order he deems appropriate for violation of this Section, including termination of the Employer's obligation to contribute to the IFUS. The authority of the Arbitrator is expressly limited to a determination of a deadlock issue under this Section, (Section 12, Article VIII), and no other.
- SECTION 13(a). Contributions provided for in Section 13(b) of this Article will be used to promote programs of industry education, training, negotiation and administration of collective bargaining agreements, research and promotion, such programs serving to expand the market for the services of the Sheet Metal Industry, improve the technical and business skills of Employers, stabilize and improve Employer-Union relations, and promote, support and improve the employment opportunities for employees. No part of any such payments, however, shall be used for any other purpose except as expressly specified above.

(b). The Employer shall pay to the Sheet Metal Industry Promotion Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Local Industry Fund), twenty four cents (\$0.24) per hour for each hour worked beginning August 12, 2001 and effective February 1, 2002 thirty cents (\$0.30) per hour by each employee of the Employer covered by this Agreement. Payments shall be made monthly on or before the 20th day of the succeeding month. Any payment not received to the Local Industry Fund must be paid in an equal additional payment to wages.

- (c). The fund shall furnish to the Business Manager of the Union, not less often than semi-annually, written reports describing in reasonable detail the nature of activities in which it is engaged or which it supports directly or indirectly with any of its funds. One time per year, the Fund shall include in such written report, a statement by a certified public accountant and containing its balance sheet and detailed statement of receipts and disbursements. Further specified detailed information in regard to fund activities or its receipts and/or disbursements shall be furnished to the Business Manager of the Union upon his written request.
- (d). Grievances concerning use of local industry fund monies to which an Employer shall contribute for purposes prohibited under Section 13(a) or for violations of other subsections of this Section shall be handled under the provisions of Article X of this Agreement. The National Joint Adjustment Board shall be authorized to impose any remedial order for violation of this Section, including termination of the Employer's obligation to contribute to the local industry fund.

SECTION 14. The Employers will contribute to the International Training Institute for the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Industry twelve cents (\$0.12) per hour for each hour worked on and after August 1, 1997 by each employee of the Employer covered by this Agreement. Three cents (\$0.03) per hour of the contribution to the International Training Institute shall be forwarded by the trustees of the International Training Institute to the National Energy Management Institute Committee, a jointly administered trust fund. Payment shall be made on or before the 20th day of the succeeding month and shall be remitted to the office of the International Training Institute as designated by the trustees of the Fund, or for purposes of collection and transmittal through Sheet Metal Workers Local #17 Joint Apprentice Committee.

The parties agree to be bound by the Agreements and Declaration of Trusts establishing the International Training Fund for the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Industry, and the National Energy Management Institute Committee, and amendments thereto as may be made from time to time and hereby designate as their representatives on the board of trustees such trustees as are named, together with any successors who may be appointed pursuant to said agreements.

## ARTICLE IX

SECTION 1. Journeymen and apprentice sheet metal workers covered by this Agreement shall provide for themselves all necessary hand tools. (See Addendum #28)

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SECTION 2. (a) Journeymen and apprentice sheet metal workers covered by this Agreement shall not be permitted or required as a condition of employment to furnish the use of automobile or other conveyance to transport men, tools, equipment or materials from the shop to job, from job to job, from job to shop; facilities for such transportation to be provided by the Employer. This provision shall not restrict the use of an automobile or other conveyance to transport its owner and personal tools from home to shop or job at starting time or from shop or job to home at quitting time.

(b). Journeymen and Apprentice Sheet Metal Workers covered by this agreement will not be discriminated against by the Employer because of their choice of residency.

SECTION 3. Any contractor doing work at an active nuclear facility shall arrange for a physician's medical examination both on hiring and layoff and the employee will receive wages for these days.

## ARTICLE X

SECTION 1. Grievances of the Employer or the Union, arising out of interpretation or enforcement of this Agreement, shall be settled between the Employer directly involved and the duly authorized representative of the Union, if possible. An Employer may have the local association present to act as his representative.

To be valid, grievances must be raised within thirty (30) calendar days following the occurrence giving rise to the grievance, or, if the occurrence was not ascertainable, first knowledge of the facts giving rise to the grievance.

SECTION 2. Grievances not settled as provided in Section 1 of this Article may be appealed by either party to the Local Joint Adjustment Board having jurisdiction over the parties and such Board shall meet promptly on a date mutually agreeable to the members of the Board, but in no case more than fourteen (14) calendar days following the request for its services, unless the time is extended by mutual agreement of the parties or Local Joint Adjustment Board. The Board shall consist of an equal number of representatives of the Union and the local Employers' Association and both sides shall cast an equal number of votes at each meeting. The local Employers' Association, on its own initiative, may submit grievances for determination by the Board as provided in this Section. Except in the case of a deadlock, a decision of a Local Joint Adjustment Board shall be final and binding.

Notice of appeal to the Local Joint Adjustment Board shall be given within thirty (30) days after termination of the procedures prescribed in Section 1 of this Article, unless the time is extended by a mutual agreement of the parties.

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SECTION 3. Grievances not disposed of under the procedure prescribed in Section 2 of this Article, because of a deadlock or failure of such Board to act, may be appealed jointly or by either party to a Panel, consisting of one (1) representative appointed by the Labor Co-Chairman of the National Joint Adjustment Board and one (1) representative appointed by the Management Co-Chairman of the National Joint Adjustment Board. Appeals shall be mailed to the National Joint Adjustment Board. *Notice of appeal to the Panel shall be given within thirty (30) days after termination of the procedures prescribed in Section 2 of this Article. Such Panel shall meet promptly but in no event more than fourteen (14) calendar days following receipt of such appeal, unless such time is extended by mutual agreement of the Panel members. Except in case of deadlock, the decision of the Panel shall be final and binding.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph 1 of this Section, an Employer who was not a party to the Labor Agreement of the area in which the work in dispute is performed may appeal the decision of the Local Joint Adjustment Board, including a unanimous decision, and request a Panel hearing as set forth in Section 3 of this Article, providing such appeal is approved by the Co-Chairman of the National Joint Adjustment Board.

SECTION 4. Grievances not settled as provided in Section 3 of this Article may be appealed jointly or by either party to the National Joint Adjustment Board. Submissions shall be made and decisions rendered under such procedures as may be prescribed by such Board. Appeals to the National Joint Adjustment Board shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after termination of the procedures described in Section 3 of this Article. (Copies of the procedures may be obtained from the National Joint Adjustment Board.*)

SECTION 5. A Local Joint Adjustment Board, Panel and the National Joint Adjustment Board are empowered to render such decisions and grant such relief to either party, as they deem necessary and proper, including awards of damages or other compensation.

SECTION 6. In the event of non-compliance within thirty (30) calendar days following the mailing of a decision of a Local Joint Adjustment Board, Panel of the National Joint Adjustment Board, a local party may enforce the award by any legal means including proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with applicable state and federal law. The prevailing party in litigation to enforce an award shall be entitled to its costs and attorney's fees in addition to such other relief as is directed by the courts.

SECTION 7. Failure to exercise the right of appeal at any step thereof within the time limit provided therefore shall void any right of appeal applicable to the facts and remedies of the grievances involved. There shall be no cessation of work by strike or lockout during the pendency of the procedures provided for in this Article. Except in ease of deadlock, the decision of the National Joint Adjustment Board shall be final and binding.

^{**} All correspondence to the National Joint Adjustment Board shall be sent to the following address: National Joint Adjustment Board, P.O. Box 220956, Chantilly, VA 22022-0956.

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## ARTICLE XI

SECTION 1. All duly qualified apprentices shall be under the supervision and control of a Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee composed of six (6) members, three (3) of whom shall be selected by the Employer, and three (3) by the Union. Said Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee shall formulate and make operative such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary and which do not conflict with the specific terms of this Agreement, to govern eligibility, registration, education, transfer, wages, hours, working conditions of duly qualified apprentices and the operation of an adequate apprentice system to meet the needs and requirements of the trade.

SECTION 2. The Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee designated herein shall serve for the life of this Agreement, except that vacancies in said Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee caused by resignation or otherwise, may be filled either party hereto, and it is hereby mutually agreed by both parties hereto, that they will individually and collectively cooperate to the extent that duly qualified apprentices be given every opportunity to secure proper technical and practical education experience in the trade, under the supervision of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee.

SECTION 3. It is the understanding of the parties to this Agreement that the funds contributed by signatory Employers to the International Training Institute and any Local Joint Apprenticeship and Training Fund (Local JATC) will not be used to train apprentices or journeymen who will be employed by Employers in the Sheet Metal Industry not signatory to a collective bargaining agreement providing for contributions to the International Training Institute and a Local JATC. Therefore, the trustees of the International Training Institute and Local JATC shall adopt and implement a Scholarship Loan Agreement Program which will require apprentices and journeymen employed by signatory Employers to repay the cost of training either by service following training within the Union sector of the industry or by actual repayment of the cost of training if the individual goes to work for a non-signatory Employer in the Sheet Metal Industry. The cost of training shall include the reasonable value of all International Training Institute and Local JATC materials, facilities and personnel utilized in training. If a Local JATC does not implement the Scholarship Loan Agreement, the Local JATC shall be prohibited from utilizing International Training Institute materials and programs.

SECTION 4. It is hereby agreed that the Employer shall apply to the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee and the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee shall grant apprentices on the basis of one (1) apprentice for each four (4) journeymen regularly employed on a yearly basis and one (1) apprentice for each six (6) journeymen regularly employed on a yearly basis thereafter. Provided however, an Employer will not be entitled to an apprentice if the Employer has an apprentice on layoff for lack of work. Any deviation from this formula must be agreed to, in writing, by the Business Manager of Local #17.

SECTION 5. All applicants for apprenticeship shall serve an apprenticeship of five (5) years and such apprentices shall not be in charge of work on any job and shall work under the supervision of a

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journeyman until apprenticeship terms have been completed and they have qualified as journeymen.

SECTION 6. A graduated hourly rate of wages for apprentices indentured after August 12, 2001 shall be established and maintained in the following percentage basis of the established hourly rate of journeymen sheet metal workers.

First Year Second Year	Probationary
Third Year	50%
Fourth Year	(1 st half)60%
Fourth Year	(2 nd half)65%
Fifth Year	(1" half)75%
Fifth Year	(2 nd half)85%

Effective August 1, 2001:

^{*} For first year apprentices Equality Fund contribution (\$0.50) is added to the wages.

The term "FULL" refers to the rate paid, per hour, by Employers for journeymen sheet metal workers employed under this agreement.

This section shall not have the effect of reducing the wage progression schedule of any apprentice who was indentured prior to the effective date of this agreement.

Apprentices will not be allowed to work overtime until all journeymen in the shop or on the job site have been offered the scheduled overtime.

## ARTICLE XII

SECTION 1. This agreement and Addenda Numbers 1 through 43 attached hereto shall become effective on the 12th day of August 2001 and remain in full force and effect until the 31st day of July 2005 and shall continue in force from year to year thereafter unless written notice of reopening is given not loss than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date. In the event such notice of reopening is served, this Agreement shall continue in force and effect until conferences relating thereto have been terminated by either party.

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SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, or any other Article of this agreement, whenever an amendment to the Standard Form of Union Agreement shall be adopted by the National Joint Labor Relations Adjustment Committee, any party to this agreement, upon the service of notice to all other parties hereto, shall have this agreement reopened thirty (30) days thereafter, for the sole and only purpose of attempting to negotiate such amendment or amendments into this agreement for the duration of the term hereof. There shall be no strike or lockout over this issue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto affix their signatures and seals this 23rd day of July 2002.

Boston Roofing Contractors Association of the B.T.E.A. and Sheet Metal & Airconditioning Contractors National Association – Boston (Specify Name of Association or Contractor)

By:

# Signature of Officer or Representative EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION

Local Union 17 - Eastern Mass of Sheet Metal Workers' International Union

By:

# Signature of Officer or Representative LOCAL UNION NO. 17

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### ADDENDA

ADDENDA to (Form A-3-84)
Standard Form of Union Agreement

No. 1 (a) It is expressly included herein, for the purpose of indicating more specifically, but not by any means limiting hereto, that supplementary to Article I of this AGREEMENT also covers the handling, setting, erecting, installation, assembling, dismantling, adjustment, alteration, reconditioning, repairing, servicing of all fans, filters of all types, blowers, sheaves, belts and guards of all kinds, plenums including prefabricated insulated easings and air chamber panels, with or without other equipment, louvers, screens, registers, grills, diffusers of all kinds, including those in connection with lighting fixtures and ceilings, dampers of all kinds, sound traps, mixing hoxes, attenuators of all kinds, access doors related to air-handling systems, dryers, sprayers, power and gravity ventilators, acoustical material within duct work, dust collectors and recovery systems, breaching, hoods, convector and radiator and similar enclosures and covers, with or without backs, flexible tubing and connections thereto, and all such air-handling systems and to all other sheet metal work covered by this AGREEMENT and by the jurisdictional claims of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association.

Flashings: All types including through flashing to be done by Sheet Metal Workers. Flashing is to be defined as: Through wall, gutters, down spouts, coping, termination bars, and other appurtenances, under the claimed jurisdiction of the Sheet Metal Workers International Association.

Architectural sheet metal shall include: Fascia, skylights, column covers, metal siding, metal roofing and soffits.

All toilet partitions, lockers, and shelving to be done by the Sheet Metal Worker.

- (b) The provisions of Article I and Article VIII Section 2 shall apply to spiral pipe and all related fittings, shall apply to manufacture of turning vanes, in addition the parties do agree that the purchase of said items shall be from a manufacturer or contractor who pays the hourly rate of wage set forth herein, or higher.
- (c) In keeping with the provisions of Article I relative to drafting and sketching, said drawings and sketches must carry stamped identification of a member of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association. The Employers and/or Employer agree to cooperate with officials of the Union in matters pertaining to work and contracts.
- (d) Spiral pipe will not be permitted on the low pressure or conventional side of a pressure reduction device. This will not apply in remodeling and repair work being done in an industrial plant or the office of said plant if it is a part of the plant's structure. Any revamping of, or adding to the building's structure and the mechanical work included therein will be considered new construction. Clarification of any questions in the interpretation of this Article shall be settled at a pre-bid job

(e) The use of conduit and/or spiral pipe is not permitted in a conventional system.

The use of flexible hose is not permitted on a conventional system, except as specified in Addendum #2.

### No. 2 DEFINITION:

The classification of a system for this purpose will not be determined by static pressure or velocity, but rather by the following requirements:

- a. A high-pressure system will have airtight ductwork of special construction. It will be made airtight by mechanical means such as welding, gasketing and/or caulking.
- b. In addition, for a system to be considered high pressure, it must have pressure reduction devices such as one of the following:

Pressure reducing valve with lined duct.
Pressure reducing valve with sound trap.
Attenuation box with pressure reducing valve.
Double duct or mixing box with valve.
Peripheral high velocity system.

- c. Any supply system that does not have both airlight construction and a pressure reduction device will be considered a conventional system.
- d. The requirements and definitions stated above refer to both supply and return and exhaust systems, except in addition to the aforementioned, a high velocity return exhaust system must have metal flues or metal risers to be of airtight construction to qualify.

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- c. The use of flexible hose will be permitted in accordance with the following:
- f. Where the pressure reducing device is an "octopus" type box, a 5'0" maximum length of flexible hose may be used on the inlet side of the box. In addition, a 5'0" maximum length of flexible hose may be used from the box to each outlet. Flex will be limited to 5'0" expanded on all systems and will be continuous and no pipe or fittings to be used between l'iex section. Runoffs will consist of conventional pipe and fittings to a point no more than 5'0" from the outlet.
- g. A maximum 5'0" of flex is permitted in a perimeter window unit system and may be used to connect from unit to unit in series.

h. Where a special type of outlet requiring an "in-between" connection is used on a system, the connection to the diffuser may be made by using five (5) feet maximum length.

No. 3 No high velocity powder actuated tools will be permitted. The low velocity powder actuated tools will be permitted. This tool may be used by the mechanic or apprentice who has been personally instructed in its use in accordance with Industrial Bulletin #22 prescribed by the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries.

No. 4 Reference: Article VI Section 1 "on the job" and "on the project site" shall mean "if possible within the travel schedule".

All overtime work will be paid at one and one half (1 1/2) times the hourly rate except when that overtime is on a Sunday or Holiday when the rate will be two (2) times the hourly rate.

Fabrication in the Employer's shop will be at one and one half (1 ½) times the hourly rate outside of the regular working hours on Monday through Saturday. Sunday and Holidays will be done at two (2) times the hourly rate.

## No. 5 Reference: Article VII Section 1

(a) All Employers with principal place of business within a radius of no more than fifteen (15) miles from Park Square, Boston shall be considered as resident contractors of Boston, Massachusetts and shall be governed in matters of travel and transportation from a point identified as Park Square, Boston, Massachusetts. All Employers with principal place of business outside the radius referred to herein above shall be considered as resident contractors of their respective town or city and shall be governed in matters of travel and transportation from a point identified as the Town Hall or City Hall of the Employers' respective town or city.

Effective no more than sixty (60) days from the date of this contract or the date of future signings by new contractors it will be the one time option of those Employers beyond the fifteen (15) mile radius to choose to be a Boston based contractor for the purpose of figuring mileage and travel. This choice, once made, will be for the duration of this agreement and successor agreements. Should an Employer beyond the fifteen (15) mile radius elect to become a Boston based shop, it is clearly understood that the Employer will not be requested to pay any travel or mileage to employees working in the shop.

(b) When employed in a shop or on a job within the limits of no more than five (5) road miles from the points referred to above, employees shall be governed by the regular working hours specified herein and shall arrange for necessary transportation within said limits from home to shop or job at starting time and from shop or job to home at quitting time and the Employer shall provide for all additional transportation during working hours. The shop shall part be a starting point.

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- (c) When employed outside of the five (5) mile limit from the points referred to in Sections 1 and 2 of Article VII and within the jurisdiction of the Union, employees shall be furnished with or shall arrange transportation which will assure their departure from the five (5) mile limits specified, no earlier than one half (½) hour before starting time and returning will assure arrival at such limits no later than one half (½) hour after quitting time,
- (d) Employees traveling from the departure point referred to in this Article and not using Employer furnished transportation shall be paid at the current IRS rate for each mile traveled from the five (5) mile point to the job and from the job to the five (5) mile point.
- (e) Employees directed or sent by the Employer during the work hours from shop to job, job to job, job to shop shall be paid at the current IRS rate for all miles traveled when other than the Employer furnished transportation is used.
- (f) Travel time within the workday shall be considered as work time and shall be paid at the current hourly rate of wage,

Parking and Tolls: The Employer shall pay all tolls and parking fees the first and last day on the job. In difficult parking areas the Employer will notify the workmen one day prior to layoff. It is further agreed the Employer shall transport the men's tools to and from difficult parking area jobs.

- (g) Travel time outside of the workday not including the hours between midnight and 6:00 a.m. shall be payable at the current hourly rate of wage. Travel time between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. shall be paid at one and one half (1 1/2) times the going hourly rate of wage, except Sundays and holidays where it shall be paid at two (2) times the hourly rate.
- (h) Traveling expenses on airplanes and trains shall include farcs, berths, sleepers, parlor cars, meals, etc., and shall be paid by the Employer. On the day of departure, single time shall be paid workmen for the number of hours taken on the journey up to four-thirty (4:30) p.m. When the journey extends beyond four-thirty (4:30) p.m. they shall receive, in addition to their regular day's pay, such additional hours pay, under the provisions of Article VII, as is required in travel, but not to exceed four (4) hours in any one day.

Due to reasons beyond the control of the parties to this AGREEMENT certain jobs require a full eight (8) hour day on the job and when compliance with the departure and arrival schedule prevents this, such cases shall be treated as special cases and consideration for exemption would be given after investigation by the parties involved.

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### No. 6 Reference: Article VIII Section 1

Hourly wage rate schedule as follows:

August 1, 2001

\$31.82 per hour

(effective 9/1/01 the rate is \$30.81 per hour due to the contribution of \$1.01 to NPF)

Future increases due under this agreement are as follows:

February 1, 2002 - \$1.25 per hour

August 1, 2002 - \$1.25 per hour

February 1, 2003 - \$1.25 per hour

August 1, 2003 - \$1.25 per hour

February 1, 2004 - \$1.25 per hour

August 1, 2004 - \$1.30 per hour

February 1, 2005 - \$1.30 per hour

To be allocated as per agreement by vote of the membership.

Employers will be notified at least thirty (30) days in advance of such allocations.

(a) Payment by check is permitted Monday through Thursday inclusive. Payment by check on Friday requires the Employer to give the employee one half (½) hour during working hours to cash the check. Employees must be paid before noon on the third day following the closing of the workweek (ex: week ending on Sunday, men must be paid before noon on Wednesday). The contractor must have a checking account drawn on a local bank.

Failure to pay before noon on the third day will entitle employees to one half (½) hour during working hours to cash their cheek. In the event a holiday should fall between the end of the workweek and payday or a situation beyond the control of an Employer (i.e. computer breakdown) shall cause cheeks to be late no penalty shall be imposed. Employers agree to make every effort to meet payday regardless of these problems.

(b) Each Employer agrees to withhold from the above stated hourly rate of wages, subject to the receipt of a signed Authorization Card from the employee, the amounts set forth hereinafter:

Working Dues schedule for Journeymen:

Date	Working Dues	PAI.	Total
August 1, 2001	\$1,27	\$0.04	\$1.31
February 1, 2002	\$1.30	\$0,04	\$1.34

Working Dues schedule for Apprentices:

August 1, 2001 \$0.58

50.04

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The withholdings are to be remitted by each Employer to the "Sheet Metal Workers (Local Union 17) Working Dues" (separate check) in the name of, and to the credit of, the respective member of the Union from whom said deductions were made.

- (c) Reports will be made monthly, based on the last payroll date of each month to coincide with each weekly payment.
- (d) The Union has the right to allocate a negotiated hourly increase by membership vote, to any aspect of it's wage and/or benefit program.
- (e) It is clearly understood that the \$0.04 contribution to PAL (separate check) effective August 1, 2001 will be a voluntary contribution on the part of the member.
- No. 7(a) An employee injured while working and forced to leave his employment in order to obtain medical treatment for such an injury shall be paid full wages and benefits for time lost on this account on the day on which he is injured. Where, while still employed by the Employer under who the injury was received, additional treatments are required during the working hours for this injury, the employee shall be paid full wages and benefits for the time absent for this purpose. The second half of this paragraph shall apply only to an injury, which does not prevent the employee from continuing his work.
- (b) The Employer further agrees that all members of the Union in his employ shall be protected in accordance with the Massachusetts Workmen's Compensation Act.
- (c) It is further agreed that any Employer, party to this AGREEMENT, that is not subject by law to the Massachusetts State Unemployment Act, shall become a voluntary subject to the law in the employment of members of the Union.
- No. 8(a) The Employer shall pay to the "Sheet Metal Workers' (Local Union 17) Insurance Fund" amounts set forth hereinafter:

### February 1, 2002 - \$4.82

For all hours used in travel or worked between six thirty (6:30) a.m. to four thirty (4:30) p.m., with one half hour for lunch, by apprentices and journeymen sheet metal workers and shall pay to said Fund the required amount per hour for all the hours actually worked between the hours of four-thirty (4:30) p.m. and six thirty (6:30) a.m. Failure to contribute to the Fund shall be a violation of contract.

- (h) This hourly fringe benefit rate, if this fund is discontinued or reduced, can be designated to wages or existing funds as per vote of the members.
- (c) Contributions to this fund shall be made on a weekly basis. Reports will be made monthly, based on the last payroll date of each month to coincide with each weekly payment.

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No. 9(a) The Employer shall pay to the Sheet Metal Workers-National Pension Fund (NPF) amounts set forth hereinafter:

September 1, 2001

\$5,05

For all hours used in travel or worked between 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by apprentices and journeymen sheet metal workers and shall pay to said Fund the required amount per hour for all the hours actually worked between the hours to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. Failure to contribute to the Fund shall be a violation of contract.

- (b) This hourly fringe benefit rate, if this fund is discontinued or reduced, can be designated to wages or existing funds as per vote of the members.
- (c) Contributions to this Fund shall be made on a weekly basis. Reports will be made monthly, based on the last payroll date of each month to coincide with each weekly payment.

No. 10(a) The Employer shall pay to the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 17 Annuity Fund the amount set forth hereinafter:

August 1, 2001

\$4.60

For all hours used in travel or worked between six thirty (6:30) a.m. to four thirty (4:30) p.m., with one half hour for lunch, by apprentices and journeymen sheet metal workers and shall pay to said Fund the required amount per hour for all hours actually worked between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. Failure to contribute to the fund shall be a violation of contract.

- (b) This hourly fringe benefit rate, if this fund is discontinued or reduced, can be designated to wages or existing funds as per vote of the members.
- (c) Contributions to this fund shall be made on a weekly basis. Reports will be made monthly, based on the last payroll date of each month to coincide with each weekly payment.
- (d) The Employer agrees to contribute to the Sheet Metal Workers International SASMI (Stabilization Agreement for the Sheet Metal Industry) in the amount prescribed by that agreement which is currently three percent (3%) of the total package, less the Industry Promotion Fund.
- No. 11(a) All Funds, Local and National, shall be paid through the Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No.17 Insurance Fund Office, 43 Kingston Street, Boston, MA 02111. This will include the Insurance, Pension, Annuity, Working Dues, Apprentice Training, Labor Management Cooperation Trust (Equality), S ASMI, National Training, Industry Promotion, and National Industry Fund. Reporting forms may be obtained from the Insurance Fund Office.
- (b) The Employer shall make available to the Insurance, Pension, Annuity, Working Dues,
  Apprentice Training, Industry Promotion and Labor Management Cooperation Trust (Equality) and
  SASMI funds any and all records of the covered Employees that the several Funds may require in
  connection with the sound and efficient operation of the several Funds.

- (c) The Insurance, Annuity, Joint Apprenticeship and Training Fund and Equality funds shall be jointly administered.
- (d) All funds are due and payable as described herein no later than the 20th day of the succeeding month.
- No. 12 The Employer and/or employees agree the Union has the right to remove its members and apprentices from shop and/or job where the Employer and/or their representatives have failed to remit the monies due the Fund or Funds on dates agreed by trustees.

It is further agreed the employees shall be compensated in full for the number of work hours lost due to said work stoppage caused by delinquency.

No. 13 The business manager and agents of the Union shall have the right and privilege, at all times, of going through the shops or premises, or buildings where work is being done, to examine the receipts of members employed there, check their pay stubs and transact any other business he may have to do in the performance of his duties.

No. 14(a) Men boarded on a five (5) day basis or less shall be paid the necessary expenses for room and board, and in no case shall the amount be less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day on all jobs bid after August 1, 2001.

The Employer shall pay or furnish transportation weekly to and from the job, and departure and arrival shall conform to the limits and schedule as outlined in Article VII.

(b) Men boarded on a seven (7) day basis shall be paid the necessary expenses for room and board and in no case shall the amount be less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day on all jobs bid after August 1, 2001.

The Employer shall pay for transportation at the start and finish of the job, and departure and arrival shall conform to the limits and schedule as outlined in Article VII.

(c) The exception is the jurisdiction area of Local #17 of Eastern Massachusetts that shall be paid on the basis of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day on all jobs bid after August 1, 2001 if the Employer elects to pay board rather than mileage and travel time this subsistence will be for the duration of the job. The Employer will not be liable for absenteeism or any resultant lost work time. An Employee missing Friday or Monday will not be paid board for a non-working weekend.

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No. 15(a) Both parties agree that the hourly contribution by the Employer to the Sheet Metal Industry Promotion Fund may be increased by the Employers' Association provided at least a six month notice

August 1, 2001

\$0.24 per hour

February 1, 2002

is given all Employers who contribute to the Fund.

\$0.30 per hour

Effective February 1, 1998, seven (\$0.07) cents to the National Industry Fund.

(b) The Employer shall pay to The Sheet Metal Workers Apprentice and Training Fund the amount set forth hereinafter:

August 1, 2002

\$0.56 per hour

Ten cents (\$0.10) of which shall be forwarded to the ITI. The ITI shall forward three cents (\$0.03) of this ten (\$0.10) to the National Energy Management Institute (NEMI).

- (c) The Sheet Metal Workers' Apprentice and Training Fund is for the purpose of education and training of indentured apprentices and for the administration cost of the Joint Apprentice Committee. Failure to contribute to the Fund shall be a violation of the contract. The receipt and disbursement of the monics in the Apprentice Training account shall be the sole responsibility of the Joint Apprentice Committee, comprising an equal number of members from SMACNA Boston and Local Union #17. The Industry Fund will help in every way possible in the upgrading and retraining of journeymen sheet metal workers.
- (d) Contributions to the fund shall be made on a weekly basis. Reports will be made monthly, based on the last payroll date of each month to coincide with each weekly payment.
- No. 16 The stewards, both in the shop and in the field, shall be appointed by the Union from the Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union 17 members in the employ of the Employer. Each steward will be appointed from among the first sheet metal workers employed on the site. The Union shall notify the Employer of the name of the Steward when he is appointed. Each such steward shall, provided there is work he is qualified to perform, be the last man, other than the foreman, to be discharged. In the event a steward is laid off because of a shop or job site temporarily closing down, he shall be the first man other than the foreman rehired for that job, provided he is qualified to perform the work required.

The amount of stewards on any job site for individual Employers will be determined by Local Union 17. The steward will protect all work under our jurisdiction, regardless of who is performing this work, without harassment or discrimination by his Employer. Any dispute arising over the interpretation of this Section shall be subject to adjustment under the provisions of Article X. There will be no transfer or discharge of a steward, or work stoppage by the Union, until a grievance meeting is held or permission is given, by the Union.

No. 17(a) FOREMEN: Shall receive minimum amounts above the going rate as set forth below:

Crew of three (3) to seven (7) inclusive

Crew of eight (8) to fifteen (15) inclusive

S1.50 per hour minimum.

\$3.00 per hour minimum.

\$4.00 per hour minimum.

No. 18 Foremen shall notify the employee at least two (2) hours before a man is laid off. Failure to notify the employee will entitle the employee to receive two (2) hours' pay. Upon layoff, a man is to receive a full statement of his earnings. Also, he is to receive his notification slip for Unemployment Compensation benefits as required by law. (See Addenda #7(c).

No. 19 It is further agreed that on jobs of eight (8) or more men, the Employer shall furnish a heated shelter of at least 100 square feet of floor area for the purpose of storing clothes, tools and eating of lunches; it shall be furnished with benches or chairs.

No. 20 Jurisdictional controversies affecting or involving parties to this AGREEMENT shall be settled in accordance with the provisions and intent of agreement between Sheet Metal Workers' International Association and other National or International Unions directly involved or by decisions rendered by regularly constituted authorities recognized by Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, including any jurisdictional council voluntarily set up by the A.F. of L. Building Trades.

No. 21 It is agreed that the apprentice ratio be as follows:

One (1) apprentice for the first four (4) journeymen regularly employed on a yearly basis.

One (1) apprentice for every six (6) mechanics regularly employed on a yearly basis thereafter.

Any deviation from this formula must be agreed to, in writing, by the Business Manager of Local #17.

No. 22 Parties to this contract do hereby agree to train all journeypersons in the OSHA 10-Hour Construction Safety Course by August 1, 2004 with the cost to be shared equally and comply with and he governed by the safety provisions outlined in Industrial Bulletins Numbers 12 and 22, issued by the Department of Labor and Industries of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act.

No. 23 Testing and Balancing (description of reference in Article I, Section 1 (c) of Standard Form). Any drawings, floor layouts, fan data or outlet sheets that are required by the Employer for testing and balancing shall be prepared by sheet metal journeymen or apprentices covered by this agreement. Any typing or duplicating may be done by office personnel. The work shall be deemed complete when accepted by the engineer of approving authority.

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No. 24 In the event of a government imposed wage freeze or limitation; the Employer agrees to pay any and all increases that cannot be paid on account of said mandatory wage freeze or limitation immediately upon the removal of rescission.

No. 25 The Union shall have the right to reopen this contract to allocate (by membership vote) to any new fund it desires to start upon thirty (30) day notice to SMACNA - Boston. The Union has the right to allocate (by membership vote) to the following International Funds:

The Henry Jackson and Diabetes Foundations, National Pension Plan, International Trust, International Health and Welfare.

# No. 26 Certified Payroll, Cash Payments, Escrow Fund and Bond Requirements

Any Employer who works in the area jurisdiction of Local 17, but having its fabrication shop outside the area jurisdiction of Local 17, will furnish upon request of Local 17 a certified payroll record of wages and fringe benefit payments made to sheet metal worker employees of the shop, specifying the hours worked, including straight and overtime hours worked. Certification shall be made by an officer of the company.

If at any time Local 17 has serious doubt about the ability of any Employer, having an agreement with Local 17 for three (3) years or less, to meet his contractual wage and fringe benefit payments, or if at any time this Employer does not have sufficient funds for payroll checks and fringe benefit payments, or if a payroll check bounces, Local 17 may require this Employer to pay wages and fringe benefit payments by cash or certified check on a weekly basis.

In addition, Local 17 may require this Employer, working in the area jurisdiction of Local 17, to establish an escrow fund or furnish a bond, in such form and manner as required by Local 17 and/or the fringe benefit trust funds, to insure that wages and fringe benefit payments be made in a prompt and proper way.

### No. 27 Shaftwork

If a man works in a shaft, the Employer will provide plank material on the floor below. Anyone required to work 40 feet above the ground, or 40 feet above a permanent structure, such as on a staging, swing stage, bosun's chair or skylight shall comply with OSHA regulations.

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### No. 28 Tools

A toolbox shall be made available by the Employer on every job site of sufficient size to store all basic sheet metal tools used by sheet metal worker employees on the job site. In the event of fire, or in the event of theft, resulting from forcible entry (where there is evidence of such forcible entry) the Employer shall be responsible for loss of such tools and the tools shall be replaced or the sheet metal worker employee reimbursed up to three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) after substantiation and proof is made by the employee of the tools he had on the job site and employee presents a paid receipt of purchase, or the Employer may opt to purchase replacement tools. At any time the Employer shall have the right to ask for, and the sheet metal worker employee shall furnish, a list of his basic sheet metal tools at the job site.

In any case where there is a question of the value of tools and amount of reimbursement, the matter may be referred to the Union's business representative and the Employer and his association representative for resolvement.

### No. 29 Injured Sheet Metal Workers

If a sheet metal worker employee is injured on the job, the steward or a fellow sheet metal worker employee shall be allowed to see that proper care and attention is given to the injured worker. If it is necessary to move the injured worker to a hospital or medical center for medical treatment, the Employer shall designate a qualified medic, steward, sheet metal worker employee or company representative to accompany such injured worker to the hospital or medical center.

The employee accompanying the injured person shall be paid full wages and benefits for the time necessary to see that the injured employee receives adequate medical attention. They shall also be reimbursed for any expense incurred by them in pursuit of such care including, but not limited, to parking mileage and/or taxi or carfare upon presentation of receipts to the Employer.

### No. 30 Hazardous Conditions

All work performed by the Employer and sheet metal worker employees shall comply with all local, state and federal safety and right-to-know laws. In working under hazardous conditions, which would include heavy dust, paint spraying, abnormal air pressure, radiation and asbestos removal, the Employer and sheet metal worker employee shall work under and abide by all regulations covoring such hazardous conditions, as required by local, state and federal laws.

The sheet metal worker employee shall wear all safety equipment required by local, state and federal laws. Failure of any employee to wear such equipment as instructed by the Employer may result in his discharge.

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If any word, sentence, paragraph or section in the agreement is ruled illegal, that portion in question will be jointly renegotiated and/or rewritten to comply with the law.

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### BOSTON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT CONTRACT EXPIRES JULY 31, 2005

By action of the membership at its meeting of July 6, 2004, One-Dollar and Thirty Cent increase Due August 1, 2004 will be distributed as follows:

Wage		\$ 33.79 *	:
Nationa	l Pension	\$ 5,46 *	. sk
Local St	upplemental Pension	\$ 0.56	
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Allocations to existing funds may be made at any time by members. Allocation for the Organizer Fund increased \$ 0.10 taken with Working Dues, (Including apprentices.)

Working Dues Schedule for Journeymen:

Building Fund	\$ 0.12	Mileage: \$ 0.36 ½ per mile
Organizer Fund	\$ 0.40	
HAB Fund	\$ 0.03	\$0.63 Sub Total + \$0.98 Working Dues =\$1.61
Scholarship Fund	\$ 0.02	\$1.61 + \$0.04 PAL = \$1.65 TOTAL
Untertainment Fund	\$ 0.05	
Picket Fund	\$ 0.01 -	)

Working Dues Schedule for Apprentices: \$0.63 Sub Total + \$0.22 Working Dues = \$0.85 \$0.85 + \$0.04 PAL = \$0.89 Total

Room and Board: \$20.00 within jurisdiction of Agreement \$25.00 outside of jurisdiction of Agreement

Fraternally, Festus W. Joyce - Financial Secretary-Treasurer

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# STANDARD FORM OF UNION AGREEMENT

# SHEET METAL, ROOFING, VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING CONTRACTING DIVISIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Agreement entered into this 12th day of August 2001 by and between Boston Roofing Contractor Associations of the B.T.E.A and the Sheet Metal and Airconditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA) - Boston hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and Local Union No. 17 of Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, hereinafter referred to as the Union, for Bristol (north of Dighton), Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth (north of Wareham), and Suffolk Counties of Eastern Massachusetts and the towns of Harvard and Lancaster of Worcester County.

#### **ARTICLE 1**

SECTION 1. This Agreement covers the rates of pay and conditions of employment of all employees of the Employer engaged in but not limited to the (a) manufacture, fabrication, assembling, handling, erection, installation, dismantling, conditioning, adjustment, alteration, repairing and servicing of all ferrous or nonferrous metal work and all other materials used in lieu thereof and of all air-veyor systems and air handling systems regardless of material used including the setting of all equipment and all reinforcements in connection therewith; (b) all lagging over insulation and all duct lining; (C) testing and balancing of all air handling equipment and duct work; (d) the preparation of all shop and field sketches used in fabrication and crection, including those taken from original architectural and engineering drawings or sketches; (e) all craft related drafting, both manual and computer aided, will be done by members or apprentices. This does not include architectural layouts provided by engineering firms or primary contractors; and (f) all other work included in the jurisdictional claims of Sheet Metal Workers' International Association. SECTION 2. Employers signatory to this agreement must be in possession of a bona fide fabrication shop meeting sanitary and safety standards and capable of fabricating duct work and fittings.

SECTION 3. Fabrication of square or rectangular ductwork and fitting or low velocity could ductwork and fittings for installation within the geographical tentiory of this bargaining unit must carry the Local 17 Building Trades label:

This label will show that the ductwork described has been fabricated by a contractor signatory to this agreement.

#### ARTICLE II

It is the opinion of both Associations that the following obligations are imposed by this Article IL

SECTION 1. No Employer shall subcontract or assign any of the work described herein which is to be performed at a jobsite to any contractor, subcontractor or other person or party who fails to agree in writing to comply with the conditions of employment contained herein including, without limitations, those relating to union security, rates of pay and working conditions, hiring and other matters covered hereby for the duration of the project.

SECTION 2. Subject to other applicable provisions of this Agreement, the Employer agrees that when subcontracting for prefabrication of materials covered herein, such prefabrication shall be subcontracted to fabricators who are in signed agreement with Local Union #17 and/or who pays their employees engaged in such fabrication, not less than the total beneficial wage for comparable sheet metal fabrication, as established under provisions of this Agreement.

The Employer agrees to provide to a Union business agent or business manager, upon request, written and signed evidence of equalization of the total beneficial wage package from any supplier of low pressure spiral duct and fittings and/or rectangular duct and fittings.

SECTION 3. (a) The Employer agrees that no evasion of the terms, requirements and provisions of the Standard Porm of Union Agreement, including all addends attached thereto, will take place by the setting up of another business to do work covered by this Agreement, or in any other way attempt to or actually evade or multify responsibility hereundez. If and when the Employer shall perform any work of the type covered by this Agreement, under its own name or under the name of another, as a corporation, company, partnership, or any other business entity, including a joint venture, wherein the Employer through its officers, directors, partners or stockholders, exercised either directly or indirectly, management, control or majority ownership of such other entity, the terms and conditions of this agreement shall be applicable to all such work.

This clause shall only be applicable to job site work as that term is used in the construction industry provise to Section 8(e) of the National Labor Relations Act.

(b) The Employer further agrees that if and when it performs prefabrication work otherwise covered by the Standard Form of Union Agreement, including all addenda attached thereto, under the name of another, as a corporation, company, partnership, or any other business entity, including a joint venture, wherein the Employer through its officers, directors, painters or stockholders, exercises either directly or indirectly, management, control or majority ownership of such other entity, the employees of such other entity shall receive not less than the prevailing wage for comparable sheet metal fabrication, as established under the terms of this agreement.

This is not to be interpreted to exclude any customer of the company from purchasing said fabrication.

(c) The parties agree that disputes concerning the meaning and application of Section I and 2 hereof shall be resolved in accordance with Article X and without resort to strike or lockout.

(d) If any word/sentence/paragraph or section of this language is found to be illegal that portion will be removed from this Article or rewritten to comply with the law.

The remainder of this Article will stand as negotiated.

### ARTICLE III

SECTION 1. The Employer agrees that none but journeymen and apprentice sheet metal workers shall be employed on any work described in Article I and further, for the purpose of proving jurisdiction, agrees to provide the Union with written evidence of assignment on the Employer's letterhead for certain specified items of work to be performed at a jobsite prior to commencement of work at the site. List of such specific items, which may be revised from time to time, as agreed to by and between SMACNA and SMWIA, shall be provided to the Employer.

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apprenticeship of five (5) years and such apprentices shall not be in charge of work on any job and shall work under the supervision of a journeyman until apprenticeship terms have been completed and they have qualified as journeymen.

SECTION 6. A graduated hourly rate of wages for apprentices indentured after August 12, 2001 shall be established and maintained in the following percentage basis of the established hourly rate of journeymen sheet metal workers.

First Year Probationary	40% (plus 40% SASMI, \$0.50 Equality Fund)
Second Year	
Third Year	50%
Fourth Year (I* balf)	60%
Fourth Year (2nd half)	65%
Fifth Year (1" half)	. 75%
Fifth Year (2nd half)	85%

#### Effective August 1, 2001:

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First Year	fu∄	_	_	<b></b> -		\$0.10	40% in wages
Second Year	full	full	\$1.25	_	full	\$0.50	45% in wages
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* For first year apprentices Equality Fund contribution (\$0.50) is added to the wages.

The term "FULL" refers to the rate paid, per hour, by Employers for journeymen sheet metal workers employed under this agreement.

This section shall not have the effect of reducing the wage progression schedule of any apprentice who was indentured prior to the effective date of this agreement.

Apprentices will not be allowed to work overtime until all journeymen in the shop or on the job site have been offered the scheduled overtime.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

SECTION 1. This agreement and Addenda Numbers 1 through 43 attached hereto shall become effective on the 12th day of August 2001 and remain in full force and effect until the 31st day of July 2005 and shall continue in force from year to year thereafter unless written notice of reopening is given not less than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date. In the event such notice of reopening is served, this Agreement shall continue in force and effect until conferences relating thereto have been terminated by either party.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto affix their si; natures and seals this 23rd day of July 2002.

Boston Roofing Contractors Association of the B.T.E.A and Sheet Metal & Airconditioning Contractors Nation: Association - Boston (Specify Name of Association or Contractor

Local Union 17 - Eastern Mass of Sheet Metal Workers' International Union

Signature of Officer or Representative LOCAL UNION NO. 17

### **Negotiating Committee**

For the Union Michael Walsh, Chairman Edward Foley, Secretary

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For the Employer Kevin R. Gill, Chairman Thomas J. Gunning, Secretary Joseph F. Cullen W. Thomas Hanna

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### **ADDENDA**

ADDENDA to (Form A-3-84) Standard Form of Union Agreement

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Architectural sheet metal shall include: Fascia, skylights, column covers, metal siding, metal roofing and soffits.



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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA **ALEXANDRIA DIVISION**

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OF THE SHEET METAL INDUSTRY	)
TRUST FUND,	)
SHEET METAL WORKERS' NATIONAL	)
PENSION FUND,	)
INTERNATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE	) CIVIL ACTION
FOR THE SHEET METAL AND AIR	)
CONDITIONING INDUSTRY	) NO.
SHEET METAL WORKERS' INTERNATIONAL	)
ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND,	)
NATIONAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT	)
INSTITUTE COMMITTEE and	)
SHEET METAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	)
INSTITUTE TRUST FUND	)
Edward F. Carlough Plaza	)
601 North Fairfax Street	)
Alexandria, Virginia 22314	)
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Plaintiffs,	)
v.	)
	)
E A BREEN JR. ROOFING & SHEET METAL	)
WORK, INC.	)
a/k/a E A Breen Jr. Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc.	)
a/k/a E A Breen Jr. Rfg. & Sheet Metal Works	)
a/k/a E A Breen Jr. Rfg. & SM Works, Inc.	)
65 Stanley Avenue	)
Medford, MA 02155	)
	)
Defendant.	)

### **COMPLAINT**

Plaintiffs, by undersigned counsel, complain about Defendant as follows:

### **JURISDICTION**

This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under 29 U.S.C. 1.

§§185(a), 1132 and 1145.

2. A copy of this Complaint has been served on the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Treasury of the United States by certified mail.

### **VENUE**

3. Venue lies in the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division, under 29 U.S.C. §§185(a) or 1132(e)(2).

### **PARTIES**

- 4. Plaintiffs, National Stabilization Agreement of the Sheet Metal Industry Trust Fund ("SASMI"), Sheet Metal Workers' National Pension Fund ("NPF"), International Training Institute for the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Industry ("ITI") (f/k/a National Training Fund for the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Industry) and Sheet Metal Workers' International Association Scholarship Fund ("SMWIASF"), are jointly trusteed trust funds established and maintained under 29 U.S.C. §186(c)(5) and "multiemployer plan[s]" and "employee benefit plan[s]" within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. §1002(37), (1), (2) and (3). Plaintiffs, National Energy Management Institute Committee ("NEMI") and Sheet Metal Occupational Health Institute Trust Fund ("SMOHI") are jointly trusteed trust funds established and maintained under 29 U.S.C. §186(c). NPF, ITI, SMWIASF, NEMI and SMOHI (jointly, "National Funds") and SASMI (SASMI and National Funds collectively referred to as "Funds") maintain their principal place of business and are administered from an office(s) located in Alexandria, Virginia at the address in the caption of this Complaint.
- 5. Defendant, E A Breen Jr. Roofing & Sheet Metal Work, Inc. a/k/a E A Breen Jr. Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. a/k/a E A Breen Jr. Rfg. & Sheet Metal Works a/k/a E A Breen Jr. Rfg. & SM Works, Inc ("Company") is a Massachusetts corporation and an employer in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of 29 U.S.C.§§152(2), (6) and (7) and 1002(5), 147642-1 2

(11) and (12) with a business office at the address listed in the caption.

### **COMMON FACTS**

- 6. At all times relevant to this action, the Company was party to or agreed to abide by the terms and conditions of a collective bargaining agreement(s) with one or more local labor unions affiliated with the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association ("Union") (such agreements referred to singly or jointly as "Labor Contract").
- 7. The Company also signed or agreed to abide by the terms of the agreements and declarations of trust of the Funds (singly or jointly, "Trust Agreement") made between certain employers and employee representatives in an industry(ies) affecting interstate commerce to promote stable and peaceful labor relations.
- 8. Under the Labor Contract, Trust Agreement, rules and regulations adopted by the Funds' trustees and applicable law, the Company is required:
- (a) To make full and timely payments on a monthly basis to the Funds, as required by the Labor Contract, Trust Agreement and rules and regulations;
- (b) To file monthly remittance reports with the Funds detailing all employees or work for which contributions were required under the Labor Contract;
- (c) To produce, upon request by the Funds, all books and records deemed necessary to conduct an audit of the Company's records concerning its obligations to the Funds; and
- (d) To pay liquidated damages, interest, costs of an audit, and all costs of litigation, including attorneys' fees, expended by the Funds to collect any amounts due as a consequence of the Company's failure to comply with its contractual obligations described in Subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c).

- 9. Company employes employees represented for purposes of collective bargaining by Sheet Metal Workers' International Association Local Union No. 17 ("Local 17"), a labor organization representing employees in an industry affecting interstate commerce.
- 10. Payments due to the Funds are calculated separately for each Fund on remittance reports required to be prepared monthly by each contributing employer. Because contributing employers themselves calculate and prepare monthly remittance reports, Plaintiffs must rely, in the first instance, upon the honesty and accuracy of the employers in reporting hours worked and paid, and in reporting the contributions owed on behalf of their employees. On these reports Company is required to report the amount of contributions due the National Funds on the basis of all hours worked by participants and/or all hours for which participants are due wages. The employer's contribution to SASMI is calculated as 3% of the total gross wages plus fringe benefits. The completed remittance report and accompanying payment are due the Funds no later than the twentieth (20th) day after the end of each calendar month and are delinquent if received thereafter.

# **COUNT I - DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS - NATIONAL FUNDS** NATIONAL FUNDS

v.

### **COMPANY**

- 11. The allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 10 are incorporated by reference as if fully restated.
- 12. During the period July 2004 to the present, Company has employed persons on whose wages and hours worked and/or paid it is required to submit remittance reports and contributions to the National Funds.

- 13. During the period July 2004 to the present, a period not barred by any applicable statute of limitations or similar bar, Company has failed to submit the required remittance reports and/or contributions to the National Funds in violation of its Labor Contract, the Trust Agreement, the National Funds' rules and regulations and applicable law, including 29 U.S.C. §1145.
- 14. Based upon presently available information, Company owes at least \$12,552.17 to the NPF, ITI, SMWIASF, NEMI and SMOHI.
- The National Funds have been damaged by the Company's failure to submit the 15. remittance reports and contributions.

WHEREFORE, the National Funds ask that the Court:

- (1) Enter judgment against Company in favor of the National Funds individually for at least the sum of \$12,552.17 plus all additional contributions presently owed or which become due during the course of this litigation to the date of judgment together with liquidated damages, interest and costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in this action or the collection or enforcement of any judgment, in accordance with the Labor Contract, Trust Agreement, rules and regulations adopted by the National Funds' trustees and applicable law, including 29 U.S.C.  $\S1132(g)(2)$ .
- (2) Grant such other or further relief, legal or equitable, as may be just, necessary or appropriate.

### **COUNT II - DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS - SASMI**

### **SASMI**

v.

#### **COMPANY**

- 16. The allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 10 are incorporated by reference as if fully restated.
- 17. During the period February 2004 to the present, Company has employed persons that it is required to report to SASMI and on whose gross wages and specified fringes it is required to remit contributions.
- 18. During the period February 2004 to the present, a period not barred by any applicable statute of limitations or similar bar, Company has failed to submit the required remittance reports and/or contributions to the SASMI in violation of its Labor Contract, the Trust Agreement, SASMI's rules and regulations and applicable law, including 29 U.S.C. §1145.
- 19. Based upon presently available information, Company owes at least \$4,831.70 to SASMI.
- 20. SASMI has been damaged by the Company's failure to submit the remittance reports and contributions.

### WHEREFORE, SASMI asks that the Court:

- (1) Enter judgment against Company in favor of SASMI for at least the sum of \$4,831.70 plus all additional contributions presently owed or which become due during the course of this litigation to the date of judgment together with liquidated damages, interest and costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in this action or the collection or enforcement of any judgment, in accordance with the Labor Contract, Trust Agreement, rules and regulations adopted by SASMI's trustees and applicable law, including 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2).
- (2) Grant such other or further relief, legal or equitable, as may be just, necessary or appropriate.

### **COUNT III - AUDIT**

### **ALL FUNDS**

v.

### **COMPANY**

- 21. The allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 20 are incorporated by reference as if fully restated.
- 22. The Company is obligated to permit the Funds to audit its records and to cooperate in determining the contributions due the Funds.
- 23. The amount of contributions the Company is required to pay to the Funds other than SASMI is based upon hours worked and/or hours for which its employees received (or are due) wages for performing work covered by the Labor Contract. The employer's contribution to SASMI is calculated as 3% of the total gross wages plus fringe benefits.
- 24. The Funds are without sufficient information or knowledge to plead the precise nature, extent and amount of the Company's delinquency because the books, records and information necessary to determine this liability are in the exclusive possession, custody and control or knowledge of the Company.
- 25. Computation of the precise amount of an employer's delinquency is normally achieved by an audit of the employer's books and records and/or calculated from contractuallyrequired remittance reports.
- 26. No audit of the Company's books and records has been performed and the Company has not submitted all of the contractually-required remittance reports.
- 27. The Company is required by the Labor Contract, Trust Agreement or applicable law to permit the Funds to audit its records and to cooperate in determining the contributions due the Funds.

- 28. Without the information contained in the remittance reports, the Funds are unable to determine a participant's eligibility for benefits or calculate the amount of the benefits to which the participant is entitled.
- 29. The Funds have no adequate remedy at law as the calculation of any damages suffered as a result of the breach requires an audit.
  - 30. All conditions precedent to equitable relief have been satisfied.

WHEREFORE, the Funds ask that the Court:

- (1) Enjoin the Company, its officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys and all others in active concert or participation with them to permit an audit of all records under the actual or constructive control of the Company and, in the absence of records, to cooperate in alternative methods for the determination of work for which contributions are due and to pay all contributions, interest, and liquidated damages discovered in such audit and the costs of such audit, and
- (2) Order the Company, its officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys and all others in active concert or participation with them to immediately submit all outstanding remittance reports and contributions.
- (3) After an audit, enter judgment against the Company in favor of the Funds individually for the contributions found due and owing to each of them by the audit, together with liquidated damages, interest and costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and audit costs incurred in this action or the collection or enforcement of any judgment, in accordance with the Labor Contract, Trust Agreement, rules and regulations adopted by the Funds' trustees and applicable law, including 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2).
- (4) Grant such other or further relief, legal or equitable, as may be just, necessary or 147642-1 8

appropriate.

### **COUNT IV - INJUNCTION**

### **FUNDS**

v.

#### **COMPANY**

- The allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 30 are incorporated by reference as if 31. fully restated.
- 32. A money judgment or other remedy available at law is inadequate because the Company has shown its disregard of its contractual and legal obligations by a consistent pattern of delinquencies or late payment of contributions.
- Unless ordered to do otherwise by this Court, Company will continue to refuse to 33. submit remittance reports and pay the contributions presently due and owing or which become due and owing in the future, and the Funds and their participants will suffer immediate, continuing and irreparable damage by, among other matters, the loss of investment earnings, the inability to properly determine eligibility and calculate benefits, and a substantial increase in the administrative costs of the Funds with a diminution of the assets otherwise available to pay benefits to company's employees and employees of other employers who fully and timely pay their contributory obligations.
  - 34. All other conditions precedent to equitable relief have been satisfied. WHEREFORE, the Fund asks that the Court:
- (1) Permanently restrain and enjoin the Company, its officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys and all others in active concert or participation with them from continuing to violate the terms of the current collective bargaining agreement(s) between the Company and 147642-1 9

the Union (including its affiliated locals) and from violating such other collective bargaining agreements as may from time to time be entered by the said parties providing for the timely filing of remittance reports with complete, accurate and proper information and timely payment of contributions to the Funds for so long as the Company is contractually-required to do so.

Grant such other or further relief, legal or equitable, as may be just, necessary or (2) appropriate.

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